

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/698,791

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/31/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 18-38.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 31 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Von Hellens on 9/3/03.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

1. In claim 18, line 8, change "from one rail of" to --from one of--.
2. In claim 19, line 2, change "from a rail of" to --from one of--.
3. In claim 19, line 2, change "in a guide of" to --in one of--.
4. In claim 21, line 3, change "from one rail of" to --from one of--.
5. In claim 24, line 1, change "a further" to --an other--.
6. In claim 25, line 1, change "said further" to --said other--.
7. In claim 25, line 2, change "in at least one guide of" to --in at least one of--.
8. In claim 26, line 2, change "said further" to --said other--.
9. In claim 27, line 2, change "said further" to --said other--.
10. In claim 28, line 2, change "said further" to --said other--.
11. In claim 29, line 8, change "from one rail of" to --from one of--.
12. In claim 30, line 1, change "mating assembly as set forth in Claim 18" to -- A mating assembly as set forth in Claim 29--.
13. In claim 30, line 2, change "from a rail of" to --from one of--.
14. In claim 30, line 2, change "in a guide of" to --in one of--.
15. In claim 31, line 2, change "in at least one guide of" to --in at least one of--.
16. In claim 32, line 3, change "from one rail of" to --from one of--.
17. In claim 33, line 1-2, change "said one rail of" to --said one of--.
18. In claim 34, line 1, change "a further" to --an other--.
19. In claim 35, line 1, change "said further" to --said other--.
20. In claim 35, line 2, change "in at least one guide of" to --in at least one of--.
21. In claim 36, line 2, change "said further" to --said other--.

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22. In claim 37, line 2, change "said further" to --said other--.

23. In claim 38, line 2, change "said further" to --said other--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 18-38 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Re claims 18-38, prior arts do not teach or suggest the combination of a mating assembly for detachably attaching a device to a mechanical substructure with slidably engaging guides and at least one electrostatic discharge contact coupled with the substructure with an electrostatic discharge spring extending to contact the said contact to discharge any static charge.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinhee J Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-1977. The examiner can normally be reached on M, T, Th and F at 6:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext. 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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